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In re Patent Application of )  
DANIEL MATTER, et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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For: WHEEL COUNTER MECHANISM )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be entered.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace Claims 1, 2 and 4-10 as follows.

1. (Amended) An apparatus for capacitively determining a position of a counter wheel, where fixed electrodes are arranged at a distance from the counter wheel, and the counter wheel has means for changing a capacitance on the basis of position, characterized in that the means for changing the capacitance on the basis of position are a sequence of measurement electrodes extending over the circumference of the counter wheel, and electrically nonconductive sections arranged between said measurement electrodes.

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